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"WHY SHOULD THEY KILL MY BABY."

BY WILL CARLETON.

Why should they kill my baby?—for he seems
the same to me
As when, in the morning twilight, I kissed him
on my knee,
And sowed for him hopes to blossom when he
should become a man,
And dreamed for him such a future as only a
mother can.

I looked ahead to the meantime with proud but
trembling joy,
I had a vision of splendor for my sweet bright-
eyed boy;
But little enough I fancied that when he had
gained renown,
Some Envy's poisoned bullet would suddenly
strike him down.

Why should they want to kill him? Because
he had cut his way
Through Poverty's gloomy wasteland out into
the open day,
And sent a shout of good cheer to those who
were yet within,
That Honor is born of striving, and Honesty
yet can win?

Or was it treasons from boyhood he manfully
bared his breast
To fight for the poor and lowly, and aid the
more oppressed?
Ah, me! the world is working upon a treacherous
plan,
When he who has struck for manhood, is
stricken down by man!

Or did they begrudge his mother the hand he
reached her still,
So eilde how high he clambered up Fortune's
glistening hill?
For in his grandest life day he turned from the
honors of earth,
And came and tenderly kissed me—the mother
who gave him birth.

Shame on the wretch that struck him, and
grieves that it did not kill!
And pity for his poor mother, if she be living
still.
May God in mercy aid him his black crime to
atone,
And help me to forgive him—I can not do it
alone!

MISCELLANEOUS.

A Ghost and A Lover.

A TRUE STORY.

The history of houses, if it could be truly written, would be of quite as absorbing interest as the histories of men and women. One of the buildings demolished to make room for the elevated railway on Filbert street was the scene of a ghostly visitation some thirty years ago which few now remember.

This house was then—at the date of its ghostliness, I mean—the residence of the Potter family; very nice people, of great respectability and small means, who, besides themselves (a brother and two sisters), had the prettiest young niece that ever was seen.

Now Mr. Aaron, the brother, was the idol of his sister and Millie, their niece, and when his regular autumn cold developed one winter into a settled cough, with alarming pulmonary symptoms, his distressed relatives lost no time in deciding on a visit to Florida, for in that mild, restorative clime dwelt a hospitable cousin, in whose home the invalid would be sure of a welcome and kindly care.

Sister Jessie, it was resolved, should, accompany her precious brother, being the more experienced nurse of the two, while Sister Kitty remained behind in charge of Millie, and—as a means of meeting the extra expenditure of the sickness and journey, they were obliged to economize, as I have said—they determined to rent the house for the season and board with some friends.

An agent found them what he termed "a most desirable tenant," who made good his claim to the title by paying the first quarter's rent in advance, but stopped there; for though he occupied the premises for full six months he never repeated the performance.

He was no doubt a very worthy individual in his own way, but when Sister Kitty came to know his habits and calling she was not only deeply chagrined that her cherished homestead had been desecrated by such a character, but she readily forgave him the unpaid quarter if he would only speedily vacate the house and allow it to be purified of his polluting presence. To this Mr. Smithers, tenant, agreed. He was a showman and animal trainer, and as he and his numerous family, together with his bears, dogs and monkeys, had enjoyed a comfortable winter in the well-furnished, roomy house, he was obliging enough to depart in a good humor, and at dusk one spring evening, leaving the key at the corner and dirt and disorder enough behind him to keep poor Miss Potter and Millie, with two stout scrubbers and scourers, at work for a full fortnight to remove. But at least it was all done, and once more seated in the home-like parlor, with every trace of the untidy Smithers banished, Miss Potter and her niece were felicitating themselves on the fact when a familiar tap on the door panel was heard.

"I am saying, ma'am," said Mary Ann Murphy, their tried servant, who had taken a whole season's vacation so as to return to their service, and who put her hand on the door at this juncture with her usual method of bespeaking their attention, "I am saying sure that dirty thaving yilyan that stole the rist had the impirance to come in at the back way as bold as ye plase, and ax me if we had found a piece of his property when we were cleaning and lugging up the place."

"A piece of his property!" repeated Miss Potter. "What could the man mean by that?"

"Is it mane, ma'am? Sure he has no manning in the world, but jist impirance, and so I told him, and more, too, and when he begun to hoist and poke around in spite of my discourse sure I jist took up a ladle of hot ends and shoved him the floor wid it."

"But, Mary Ann, that was not polite," interposed her mistress, mildly. "You should have discovered what he was after, what he alluded to as his property."

"Them said I did, ma'am, for what else could he mane but the dirt and rubbish you and me has been scraping up and having hauled off to the lots. I just could him so, and sint him off to look after the dirt hapes."

Miss Potter looked doubtful, she was a conscientious soul and could not bear to feel that even the unscrupulous and deceptive Smithers—who had represented himself as a *naturalist* when seeking to become her tenant—should feel himself wronged or robbed of any of his possessions by them.

"If he should come again please show him into the sitting room, and I will see him," she enjoined Mary Ann, but he did not come again. His visit was just previous to his starting out on a summer campaign with his show, and he and his interesting family were soon heralded by flaming posters in the neighboring towns.

House-cleaning being over, there was nothing for the expectant Potters to do but to sit down to their usual needlework or limited reading, and Miss Kitty had more than once suspected it was a trifle dull for her pretty uncomplaining niece.

The travellers stayed unaccountably, and the advent of a young and comely gentleman at the door across the way was quite a sensation. It was Mr. Gordon's (a crusty and rheumatic bachelor) establishment. Miss Kitty had known him years ago, but of late he had been too cross and ill to know anybody.

One evening she found Millie viewing the handsome nephew through the blinds.

"He is a very presentable young gentleman," her aunt remarked, as Millie blushed immensely at being detected in the act. "He is Mr. Gordon's namesake, also his heir, as I have heard, and has just returned from the German University, where he was educated."

Millie made no reply, and a long silence ensued.

"What's that?"

This exclamation came simultaneously from both ladies, as audibly through the open hall door came the sound of a slow solemn tread upon the stairs—pat, pat, pat—till it reached the floor, and then passed on down the passage and finally ceased as it reached the back door.

Both sprang to their feet, ran forward a few steps, and then suddenly remembering that they were the sole inmates of the house (for it happened to be Mary Ann's evening out—ran back again in unfeigned alarm.

"May I make a light?" whispered Millie, her eyes straining into the dusk of the hall whence the footsteps had so plainly sounded, though no passing figure could be discerned.

"O, do!" cried Aunt Kitty, too startled to have nerve for the operation.

Millie lighted one of the pink candles in the old-fashioned candelabra which stood nearest her, and taking courage from the friendly ray ventured by degrees toward the door, and finally took a comprehensive view of the hall. Reassured by its undisturbed appearance, she came back bravely.

"We must have been mistaken," she said; "the noise we heard came from the next door, no doubt."

"No doubt," echoed Aunt Kitty, adding immediately: "I really wish Mary Ann would come home."

It was not the habit of the ladies to keep their front blinds up after lighting the parlor, but on this occasion both remained near the windows without lowering them, feeling in some wise protected by the presence of the observant young gentleman on the other side of the way, who stayed at his post until Humphrey appeared in person and summoned him to his uncle's couch.

"I think we had better not mention our slight alarm to Mary Ann," Miss Kitty had whispered hastily as that faithful servant's thumping tread was heard ascending the front steps. "She is apt to be superstitious, you know, my dear, and it would not do to have her frightened." Millie assented, and flew to open the door for the welcome girl. Mary Ann, however, did not need to be told that something had occurred. She was a great admirer of her young mistress' beauty, and no sooner did she come into the lighted parlor to receive her orders for the breakfast next morning than she missed the usual bright glow from her lovely face and stood dismayed.

"What's wrong?" she inquired earnestly. "Has any news come from the master and Miss Jessie?"

"No, no," cried both ladies, quite alarmed at the bare thought of such a thing.

"What makes you both look pale and scared-like? Sure, I know something has flurried yez, and Miss Millie's beautiful cheeks is like a ghost's for whiteness."

They started at the word, but rallying, tried to laugh at Mary Ann's fears, and succeeded partly in assuring her of their groundlessness.

"I would not for the world get any foolish fright into her head," said Aunt Kitty, when Millie and she were in their own room. "Your Aunt Jessie esteems her as an excellent servant, and if she found her spoiled in any way would be much displeased."

The next evening a slight headache confined her aunt to the lounge in their chamber, and Millie had just carried her up a cup of tea when a sharp cry rang through the house, and the sound of a heavy body scuffling and scrambling upstairs followed. Millie set down the cup and tried to be calm with the returning memory of her last night's fright struggling against the effort. She went to open the door, but before she reached it Mary Ann burst into the room, the very image of disordered terror.

"Och, howly saints! but I've had me very bowl scanst out of me body!" cried Miss Murphy, as white as a sheet: "sure the divil himself must be loose down stairs, for nivir a less than him could do what happened there!"

Conquering whatever their own alarm might be, both ladies strove to calm her, but entirely in vain; nothing but words would enliven her, and these she gasped forth in torrents. "Is it me fancy, ye say?"—Miss Kitty had hinted something to that effect. "Could me fancy open the dining room door wide back to the wall, and nivir a crayture touching it; and could me fancy walk down the back stairs pit pat, pit pat, jist as righer as a man's fut, and not a livin' sowl to be seen, up nor down?"

"O, Mary Ann, are you quite sure you heard it?" cried Miss Kitty, shuddering despite her struggle at self-control as she and Millie exchanged glances. "No doubt the sound came from the next door and you imagined——"

"Och! Miss Kitty, the next door people are in the country, at their daughters' these two days; and if they were home, sure they couldn't open our dining-room door widout me seeing them do it," cried Mary Ann, anger at being doubted beginning to modify her fright. "I had me hands in the flour, mixing up me bread, whin I first heard it, and before I could get them clane the *thing*, whatever it was, was gone. But it wint swirling through the hall, and opened the doors as it wint, right forninst me very face, and sorra a thing could I see."

Poor Mary Ann! her fear was genuine, and now began to tell on her, for while the ladies were doing their best to allay it she sank in a heap on the floor, and Miss Kitty had to bring out some choice old wine of her brother's and administer more than one glassful before Miss Murphy was herself again.

Nor would she go below that night alone, all three, each carrying a light, had to proceed in a body to shut up the house, and in pity to her shaken nerves their handmaid was accommodated with a pallet on the floor of their apartment, with the additional security of locked doors and an unextinguished light.

This was the beginning of the ghost haunt, which from that night grew more fearful and inexplicable. Its victims—the three timid women—two of whom had been taught to consider any public outbreak highly indecorous, if not reprehensible, bore their terrors as best they could in forced silence, praying for the hourly-expected return of the adored brother and strong-minded sister, who they firmly believed would exercise the evil spirit that wrought the ill.

In the night they suffered tortures, but daylight brought a flicker of courage and gleams of hope, which regularly died away again at twilight, when, if it had not been for the sustaining presence of young Mr. Edward Gordon, taking the evening air at his gouty uncle's door, they would have expired from prolonged horror.

"We can call Ann over, darling, if it should ever show itself or threaten us bodily harm," murmured Miss Kitty in her niece's ear.

Millie knew that Ann meant the handsome nephew, and of the frightful visitation. She only nodded in reply, but she clung to the idea even more closely than her aunt.

It was an invisible ghost, as most all ghosts are, making its presence known in sounds and movements, and almost invariably adhering to the darkness. It rarely ascended beyond the bath-room flight, but its solemn tread came almost nightly down the front or back stairs, making the wretched listeners' hearts quake with sickening terror at every viewless footfall as it went. Once poor Millie coming down in the twilight seemed to feel *something* she could not see moving beside her, and, recognising the dreaded step accompanying her own flew down, she knew not how, and fell fainting in her aunt's arms when she reached the parlor.

Another time Mary Ann, whose continued presence in the unhappy house was a heroic proof of her devotion to its owners, was about to adjust a large velvet mat which seemed awry at the sitting room door, when something appeared to lift it from beneath, and then, as she declared, to drag it out of her hand. She fled, howling, and the mat was afterwards found by Millie half-way down the hall.

Mary Ann vowed the ghost had carried it there, and neither of the ladies was longer attempted to reason with her or call it a delusion of her senses. They had seen the doors open of themselves, as it would seem, and had heard rustling sounds in the empty hall; their blood had been chilled by the fall of phantom feet; and all they could do was to keep the great Bible open in the parlor, and pray consciously for the arrival of the absentees, whom they were too unselfish to alarm by a hasty summons. Aunt Kitty was naturally timid and inclined to superstition; her elder sister's power over her never permitted the weakness to appear; but now, left to herself—and the ghost—she yielded to its spell.

"Our revered grandma believed in warnings and eyes in appearances," she told Millie one day. "She was crossed in love in her early youth, her swain being drowned at sea, and she well said to have encountered his appearance when she was quite up in years in this very house, though they tried to make her believe it was a bathing suit hung up to dry she had mistaken for her lost lover. O, Millie, it may be grandma's drowned but faithful love come back to earth once more."

Millie smiled—she had not smiled since the dreadful noises began—and shook her head.

That was so long ago; and grandma is a spirit herself now. I think he would be more likely to remain with her," she said.

Evening, with its ghostly influences, was drawing on again. They had edged close to the windows, for on the opposite side of the way young Mr. Gordon had already taken his invariable stand for an airing, and they felt the indefinable protection of his presence extending over them.

"What a devoted nephew," exclaimed the aunt. "Some young man would stroll off to refresh themselves after the ordeal of a sick room, but he stays within call of his poor afflicted relation."

What she said was true, but though he remained within hearing of the call he did not always seem eager to respond to it. The opposite side of the way held a singular fascination for him, and Humphrey's presence and gestures of entreaty would be apparent to the ladies several times before the young gentleman could tear himself away from his post of observation.

"I wonder if he sees it, Millie?" cried her aunt in a frightened whisper as Mary Ann bolted in upon them with the announcement that 'the ghost (Mary Ann made no bones about calling it so) had struck agin' her like the side of a ship,' as she was coming up the cellar stairs with a scuttle of coal. 'And I believe I've got me death, ma'am,' cried the poor soul, 'for I never heard of any one living after a blow from a ghost.'

This was the first personal encounter, and the last shred of Miss Kitty's courage gave way.

"What we do?" she cried, and wrung her hands. 'Good heavens, it's coming in here! Only look! O, help! help!'

The hour had come at last, the door that Mary Ann had left ajar flew back against the wall with a crash, and the rustling, clapping noise they had often heard before less audibly seemed to come bearing violently and threatingly down upon them. There was no time for indecision; up went the window with Millie and her aunt clambering nimbly on the broad sill, and a trio of feminine voices shouted Mr. Gordon's name in tones of suppliance. Mary Ann's was the loudest, for she was left on the floor at the mercy of the hitherto invisible enemy. Mr. Edward Gordon, Jr., showed a quickness of response highly creditable to his gallantry and courage. In a single instant he had bounded across the street and stood beside them. 'What is it, ladies?' he asked. A confused explanation followed, but Mary Ann's tones rose loudest.

'Look at its eyes!' she screamed, as she gained a perch on the other window seat. 'Och, howly Moses! only look at its eyes.'

She pointed to the floor, and there, shimmering through the darkness, really appeared something like two burning orbs. The young gentleman followed the direction of her finger, and uttered a cry of astonishment. Quickly recovering himself, he begged the ladies to keep their elevated places, and, promising to return in a moment, ran across the street again. When he reappeared Humphrey was with him, and they carried a bag and a lighted lantern.

'Now, ladies, if you'll allow us to enter I think Humphrey and I can promise to rid your house of this intruder,' their new friend said, with the utmost politeness; but here rose a difficulty, for no one was willing to get down and open the front door, and Millie and her aunt almost filled the window. But it was no time for hesitation. Mr. Gordon made the best of it, and squeezed through, Millie's long curls brushed his handsome face, and their cheeks almost touched. To be sure, there was more room at Mary Ann's window, which she opened for Humphrey, but he never thought of that.

The ghost had retired before them; they could hear its tread along the hall toward the cellar door, which, by-the-by never remained closed (Smithers had demolished the latch, and repairs awaited Uncle Aaron's return).

Down these stairs Mr. Gordon lowered the lantern and reconnoitered.

'Come on with the sack, Humphrey,' he cried excitedly, 'and we'll have him in a minute. It is just as I thought, and Heaven's mercy that these ladies have escaped as they have.'

So saying he raised the lantern and lowered in its stead a large coarse sack with a hoop in its mouth. Humphrey had armed himself with a clothes pole, and by its means they contrived to push 'the ghost' (which had at last taken form and lay in a huge coil on the cellar stairs) into the bag. It was no sooner secured than Humphrey hauled it up by a stout rope, and finding the monster motionless at the bottom, made it tight with the cord at the top and called out in a great heat of excitement:

'The only safe place for this is at Barnum's, Mr. Edward, and if the ladies will open the front door and you will go and see to your uncle for half an hour that's where I will take the venomous reptile.'

And he was as good as his word. Barnum's Museum was on the corner of Seventh and Chestnut in those days, and thither Humphrey bore Mr. Smithers' missing "piece of property," which he had not dared to call by its name of SNAKE when searching around the premises to recover it. It is difficult to decide whether the ladies were more alarmed by their singular lodger in his ghostly or snaky character. Mr. Edward forgot his duty to his gouty uncle, and stayed by them, soothing their shaken nerves and discussing the strange occurrence in all its bearings. The snake was of the cobra species, and measured between ten and eleven feet. His progress through the house was owing to the open cellar door, and his erratic movements could be traced to the fact that he had been trained to certain performances, which perhaps he practised in his lonely hours.

There is no more to be told that cannot be surmised. Millie found a lover in her gallant defender, and it was not long till the lover became a happy husband.

Why is a turnpike gate like a dead dog's tail? Because it stops a waggle.

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E. H. BARD, Editor and Proprietor.

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We are authorized to announce the name of DAVID CURTIS, of the Township of Hamilton, for the office of Sheriff. Subject to the decision of the Republican County Convention.

We are authorized to announce the name of Col A. I. WILCOX, of Kendall, as a candidate for Sheriff of McKean County. Subject to the decision of the Republican County Convention.

We are authorized to announce the name of JOSEPH POST, of Bradford Township, for the office of Sheriff. Subject to the decision of the Republican County Convention.

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We are authorized to announce the name of L. B. FLETCHER, of Hamlin township, for the office of County Commissioner, subject to the decision of the Republican County Convention.

State Convention.

A Convention of the Republican party is hereby called to meet in the Hall of the House of Representatives, in Harrisburg, on TUESDAY, the 8th day of SEPTEMBER, 1881, at 12 o'clock, M., of said day. Delegates, equal to the number of Senators and Representatives, to be chosen in the several districts of the Commonwealth, at the election, when members shall respectively be elected for the office of STATE TREASURER, and transact such other legitimate business as may be brought before it. By order of the Republican State Central Committee.
JOHN CESSNA, Chairman
LEVIS KOURNS,
SAMUEL F. BAER,
C. MAGEE,
JAMES McCULLOCH } Secretaries.

Republican County Convention.

The Republican County Convention will meet at the Court House in Smethport, TUESDAY, September 13, at 2 p. m., for the purpose of nominating candidates to be supported by the Republican party at the next ensuing election. Caucuses will be held at the voting place in each election district on Saturday, the 10th day of September next, in accordance with the rules prescribed by the Republican County Committee.
ERNEST KOESTER,
Chair. Rep. Co. Com.
O. T. BURNETT,
A. F. BANNON,
Secretaries

We will inform the News that no *B. H.* Colegrove is running for *Assistant* Judge, but that many Republicans of Smethport will ask for the nomination of W. J. Colegrove as Associate Judge, and we trust his residence will not bar him from receiving that nomination.

THE Nineteenth Internal Revenue collection District, which heretofore was divided into two sub-districts, has recently been divided into three districts by taking McKean county from the sub-district composed of the counties of Cameron, McKean and Warren. Mr. Cowan of Warren, who has until now officiated as Deputy Collector in the three counties will hereafter have the collection of the revenues in the counties of Cameron and Warren only, while an Erie county man, Hon. C. A. Hitchcock of North East will gather in the "filthy lucre" for the Government in this county. Mr. Hitchcock is unquestionably a very respectable gentleman, having at one time represented Erie county in the Legislature, but it is a passing strange that no McKean county man is deemed qualified, by Government officials, to do *business for the Government exclusively in this county.*

THE PRESIDENT.

President Garfield is thought to have neither gained nor lost anything yesterday, and the feeling about him is one of increased anxiety. The hanging of the swollen gland produced little visible effect, and his symptoms were in no way materially changed. The fact that he was able to take and digest more food than the day before was encouraging. The consultation of surgeons over his removal from the White House of course suggests the thought that the surgeons believe something must be done immediately to encourage or aid him, but no intimation is given in the despatches that they regard removal as a desperate measure. In any case it seems not to have been decided upon.

POLITICAL LYING.

The candidates recently nominated at the Democratic convention are already at their old game of soliciting support from Republicans. You can hardly look out on the street, any hour of the day, without seeing one or more of these men "horse-shedding" Republicans. This of course is nothing more than we could expect, but Democratic candidates and their friends while using their persuasive powers to capture Republican votes and influence have no right to resort to the defamation of character or misrepresentation of facts to accomplish their purposes. We are credibly informed that a systematic effort is being made to break down the candidacy of a gentleman who is prominently named as a candidate for Sheriff on the Republican ticket. Statements of the most shameful character as to his moral standing, and as to the make-up of his official household should he be elected are being unblushingly circulated all through the townships of the county. We are not the advocate of any particular man for any of the several nominations coming before the Republican convention, but we do not hesitate to say that the lying which is being done to weaken the candidacy of the gentleman referred to will recoil upon its authors before this campaign closes. A man who has spent a life-time among these hills and whose pleasant words and genial face are as familiar to the old as well as new settlers, as are those of their own household, cannot be brushed aside by systematic lying.

Political tactics of the kind we have referred to are of the most disreputable character, and should be branded by every decent citizen, whatever his politics, with the odium it deserves. We have no right, neither do we propose to object to Democrats seeking Republican support, conscious that our objections in that direction would prove futile. But we do object, and most earnestly, to Republicans pledging their support to Democratic candidates, before, at least, they know who their own candidates will be. There is no sense in doing so, and we trust our Republican friends throughout the county will not commit themselves to any candidates before those of their own political faith are in the field.

We expect that the Republicans will nominate two men for County Commissioners who will be overwhelmingly elected. We have the votes in this county to elect them, and it would simply be an outrage which we cannot conceive will happen, if either of the candidates on the Republican ticket should be left, particularly if they be selected from the names already announced. But knowing that at least one democrat will be a member of the board, we are free to confess we have our preference in the gentlemen named on the democratic ticket. Mr. Miller may be a good man, but he is comparatively a stranger in the county, and we know nothing about him. But of Andrew Reilly of Keating township we do know, and what we know of him is vastly to his credit. He has resided in that township since his youth. In early manhood he married a most estimable Philadelphia lady, and the result of that union has been the rearing of a large and most respectable family. He is a stone mason by trade, and very much of the best work in that line in this neighborhood is due to his skill. The last and crowning act of his workmanship is the erection of the Grand Central Hotel in this borough, which is perhaps the most elegant and substantially built hotel building in Northern Pennsylvania. He is a thorough-going, energetic business man, and deserving of every democratic vote in the county. Heretofore, when he has run, he has been defeated by his own party, and from the manner which his party press treated his nomination last week it looks very much as though "history would repeat itself" again in his case.

STATE TREASURER.

The following despatch appeared in the Philadelphia *Times* of the 23d. It was a special from Harrisburg and reads as though it might speak by authority. Whether the order will be obeyed remains to be seen:

"If the defeat of the Republican candidate for State Treasurer was now expected, either Senator Lawrence or Senator Davies would be welcomed by Senator Cameron and the leaders as the nominee, but with the probability of the success of the Republican candidate no bolter will be allowed to go on the ticket and gain for himself and his bolting associates the prestige of a popular triumph in the State. Lawrence is out of the way, but Davies is in the field, and so far as the public can judge he is in the front of the race, but he is one of the anti-Cameron bolters, although at heart more of a Cameron man than many who followed the young Senator last winter, and his election to a State office would be a public approval of actions that could not fail to breed an enormous crop of them to battle with Cameron in the future. Now, however, the Republican candidate is likely to be elected, as Cameron judges the field, and he will have no bolter on the ticket. I have good reason to believe, indeed I feel warranted in entering with positiveness, that a systematic and successful struggle will now be made to unhorse Senator Davies, and put General Bailey, of Perry, on the ticket for State Treasurer. He is a gallant soldier, has made a very popular run in his section, is undoubtedly strong in the whole West, and he was one of the unflinching 306 at the Chicago convention. The order passed along the line is, 'No bolters must be taken; Bailey, the soldier, is the man,' and that order must be obeyed by the party. Unless all signs fail, General Bailey will be the Republican nominee for State Treasurer, and he will be one of the strongest men the party could adopt.

Supposing the Worst.

The precarious condition in which the President is lying has naturally revived some discussion in regard to the political consequences which might be expected to attend his death. But in its tone the debate which is now going on is essentially different from that which so suddenly and tumultuously sprang up on the memorable day of the attempted assassination. Not many people retained presence of mind through all the excitement caused by news so dreadful and so utterly unforseen. By far the greater majority gave themselves up to apprehensions which were none the less disquieting because they were so vague and unsubstantial. They feared they knew not what, and they scarce knew why. Panic was in the air, and the sober sense which is usually a silent characteristic of the American citizen was whirled away in a storm of wild alarm.

We had supposed that an American President, placed in office by the public will, and wielding his powers for the public benefit—a man neither enjoying nor claiming any personal privileges, who for a little while had been raised up from among the people for the general good, and who in a little while would descend from the height to which he had been raised and be one of the people again—we had thought that such a ruler was safe from the dangers which beset the hereditary and despotic sovereign, and it was a staggering shock when Guiteau's pistol opened our eyes to the truth that in a republic as in an empire the man who in his person represents authority is not safe from the malevolence which authority inspires. It seemed as though the crime at Washington pointed to the failure of republican principles and institutions, and the gloom of this suggestion did much to darken the future. The bitterness provoked by the contest in New York State was another element of apprehension, and the unwarranted attacks which had been made upon the Vice President were a powerful factor in agitating the public mind. Happily that agitation has now subsided. People have completely recovered from the panic by which at first their judgment was obscured. Guiteau's crime is now understood to have had no political significance whatever, to have had no more connection with the success or stability of our institutions than any vulgar murder prompted by cupidity or revenge. The phantom of a political revolution to follow the President's death by which many were affrighted has also disappeared.

For every reason Mr. Garfield's recovery is most earnestly and prayerfully to be desired. Any great political change has a disturbing and therefore a prejudicial effect upon the business of the country, and on account of that, if nothing else, the necessity for the Vice President's succession would be most unfortunate. And there are other reasons to the same tenor. Mr. Garfield has gained in an extraordinary and quite exceptional measure the confidence of his fellow citizens. If he recovers, he will have greater influence than any American President before him was ever able to command. His capacity for successful action in public affairs will, humanly speaking, be well nigh unbounded, and that he will use it to the public good no one can doubt. Merely from a political point of view, his life is therefore of inestimable value to the country, and that he will be spared must be the heartfelt prayer of every good citizen. But whatever happens, there are no rocks ahead which need occasion alarm. Should General Arthur be called to take supreme control, the jar of the transition will be quickly over, and in a few days everything will be running along as smoothly as though nothing had happened.—*Phila. North American.*

A Singular Story Denied

Colonel George Bliss denies emphatically a report in circulation to the effect that a conference of the friends of Vice President Arthur recently met at the Vice President's house and advised him that it was his duty to go to Washington and declare his purpose to perform the duties of President of the United States. The report alleged that a conference of Gen. Grant, ex-Senator Conkling, Senator Logan, Senator Cameron, Senator Dorsey, General Belknap, Senator Jones, Colonel George Bliss, Commissioner French, Attorney General Ward and other stalwart Republicans had fully discussed the question of President Garfield's inability, and that General Grant and Mr. Conkling had specially urged Vice President Arthur to assume the office of President. It was alleged that even Vice President Arthur was favorable to the plan.

Colonel Bliss said: "There has not at any time been a conference of General Arthur's friends at his house or anywhere else upon any subject connected with his becoming President, either temporarily or absolutely, or by death or by the inability of President Garfield. Some friends have called upon him evenings and days, but so far as I know, and I think I know absolutely, the question of his assuming the Presidency, either on the death of Mr. Garfield, or before it, has never been discussed. In other words Vice President Arthur has been just as reticent with his most intimate friends as he has been to the public. As for the report about different persons being there I know that several of those named have not been there within ten days, if they have in weeks. Certainly none of them have been there at the same time by appointment.

Of those named as having been present Senator James, Commissioner French and myself did meet there one evening accidentally, but the question of the Presidency was not mentioned. I see it is stated that I gave an opinion on the constitutionality of the Vice President's assuming control and favorable to it. I never have given such an opinion, but I have a decided opinion on the subject. My opinion is that until some power other than General Arthur himself decides that the inability of the President has commenced and continues he has not any right to undertake to assume the Presidency. I am as confident as I can be of anything in this world that no power short of Congress could induce him to assume the Presidency as long as General Garfield lives."

Rules for the Government of the Republican Caucuses of McKean County.

1. Republican caucuses shall be held at the regular polling places in each election district on the day fixed by the Republican County Committee, and shall be opened, except in the townships of Otto and Foster, at seven o'clock p. m. of said day, and kept open at least two hours and no longer, unless the caucus before commencing to ballot decide by vote that the caucus shall be kept open longer than two hours, and if so decided the length of time for which it shall be kept open must then be fixed by the caucus; Provided, however, that in Otto and Foster townships the caucus shall be opened at four o'clock p. m., and kept open for at least three hours, subject, however, to the foregoing provisions.

2. Each caucus shall be called to order by one of the members of the County Committee, if present, and if not by some other person qualified to vote at said caucus, and said caucus shall first proceed to the election, *viva voce*, of some person as permanent chairman of said caucus, who shall also be judge of said caucus, and two persons as inspectors and clerks of said caucus, all of whom shall be sworn according to law, to perform their duties with fidelity and in accordance with the provisions of the acts of Assembly governing party caucuses.

3. Delegates and other officers elected at such caucuses shall be voted for by ballot, (except as aforesaid) and in no other manner.

4. The judge and inspectors shall make and deliver to the person or persons having the highest number of votes for any office balloted for a copy or copies of the tally-sheets, certified under their hands and seals, which certified tally-sheets shall be credentials of election.

5. All persons being qualified electors of the election district in which any caucus is being held, who voted the Republican State ticket at the last preceding general election, or having previously acted with said party, failed to vote said ticket by reason of absence on election day, and no others except persons entitled to vote at such caucus.

6. The Judge and at least one of the Inspectors of any caucus shall be satisfied before receiving each vote that the person offering such vote is qualified under the provisions of section five of these rules and in all cases of doubt the Judge shall examine under oath the person offering such vote as to whether he is entitled to vote under the provisions of said rule.

7. There shall be elected by the caucus of each election district two persons as delegates to represent said district in County Convention and one person as member of the county Committee for said election district for the ensuing year, and the persons so elected shall constitute the Republican Committee for the said county. In case of a vacancy caused by death, resignation or otherwise, the Chairman of the said county Committee shall be authorized to fill said vacancy by appointment.

8. All Republican caucuses in the county of McKean shall be conducted in accordance with these rules and under the provisions of the Acts of the General Assembly approved June 8th and June 29th, in 1881, respectively.

Adopted August 13, 1881.
E. KOESTER, Chairman Ex Officio
J. C. STURGEON,
A. F. BANNON,
E. H. BARD,
Committee

MAJOR DANIEL, the Funder candidate for Governor of Virginia, says "Confederate money, though dishonored and repudiated here, is current in the court of heaven." Daniel is a famous orator, but he won't draw many Republican votes away from Mahone by such talk as that.

IN last Thursday's New York *Herald* a Saratoga correspondent gives an account of an interview with William H. Vanderbilt, Jay Gould, Chauncey M. Depew and Judge Hilton, by all of whom Vice President Arthur is strongly indorsed as a financier of ability, a man of integrity, an executive officer who, if called to the Presidency, would discharge all the duties of the high office with the utmost fidelity. These men scout the idea of a panic being produced in the event of the Vice President succeeding the President, by the death of the latter.

WITH what wonderful wisdom the working machinery of the Government has been made to operate. A Chief Magistrate prostrate and at death's door for weeks—the head of the nation laid low on a sick bed, and still the Government moves on as regularly, as successfully, and as majestically as it would were he full of health and vigor. It is a machine of perfect self-balances. Any part may give way, but the whole is not thereby lamed in force. Its momentum derived from its just and equitable powers keeps it moving along. Revolutions cannot be bred under such a system. Treason may strike at, but it cannot impair it, because it is founded on immutable principles.—*Telegraph*

THE work on the Buffalo, Pittsburg & Western road, running from Irvineton to Salamanca, is now being pushed with energy. The right of way has all been secured and between three and four hundred men are working on the section between Warren and Kinzua. The two piers of the Warren bridge are being built by a full force of men. The foundation of the river bridge at Tuttlestown was begun this week. Between Kinzua and the State Line a considerable portion of the road-bed is already made, about two hundred men being engaged in the work of grading on that section. The narrow guage road into Kinzua will be completed, says the Warren *Ledger*, possibly, by the 20th inst., and certainly by the 1st of September.

AN injunction has been served upon Bowen, Wilcox & Co. by the Northwestern Lining & Land Company, restraining them from operating upon a certain strip of territory located south of Big Shanty. The property in dispute is a narrow strip 158 rods in length, ninety-nine feet at its widest point and tapering down to thirty-eight feet at its furthest extremity. The defendants expect to resume drilling after filing the necessary bonds. Their derricks are wedged in between the P. C. L. & F. Company on the north and the Union Oil Company on the south. The latter company claim that this strip is necessary to make up the number of acres which their papers call for; the Bingham estate however, put it in the market and the present occupants became the purchasers. Since then there has been great activity among the three companies mentioned above in guarding lines. Rigs in this quarter have been erected in the closest proximity. Wherever the "Rayow Gauge Company" located a rig their neighbors on the north or the south would follow suit, and the lines are closely defined. The disputed property cannot result otherwise than unprofitably to the owners.—*Era of 23d.*

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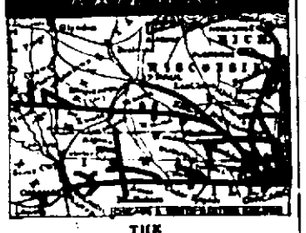
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THE McKEAN MINER.

Smethport, Pa., August 25, 1881.

HERE AND HEREABOUTS.

—Wall paper at Specht & Sons'a. 19-tf.

Dr. Williams and wife leave for their Michigan home to-day.

Mrs. F. M. Binkeslee, of Olean, is visiting relatives and friends in this village.

Rockwell has the best refrigerator, in which meats can be kept in good condition for weeks.

Ed L. Ross, of Wheeling, West Virginia, is visiting his brother, Robt. H. Ross, in this borough.

Mr. F. C. Pierce, the dentist, in company with his wife will leave on Saturday for a visit to Warren.

We have still room for further announcements for office. It will cost you only five dollars at this late day.

Mrs. E. G. Young who has been visiting in Smethport for some time past, left for her home in Jamestown on Tuesday.

The Bradford *Telegram* reaches us daily and is as bright and pleasant as a spring morning. It is a healthy little paper and bound to succeed.

Burga, son of H. S. Stickles left for Wisconsin on Monday, taking advantage of one of those excursion trains which are becoming so frequent of late.

Treasurer Brennan has his dwelling house up and partially enclosed. John will have comfortable quarters when he gets matters arranged as blocked out.

Hugh Brawley is visiting friends in Meadville, his former home. Well, Hugh is entitled to a little recreation now and then for it is seldom he is caught loafing.

We intended in this issue to publish a portion of the remarks of Bishop Stevens at the consecration services last Sunday but space forbids. Next week they will appear.

Mr. Wm. F. Specht left this morning for Angelica, N. Y. Will left a box of cigars to be opened for the "boys" after he got out of town. He will make an exemplary husband.

—An adjourned term of court will be held on the second Monday of September, the regular term opening on the fourth Monday of the same month. An adjourned term will also be held Oct. 3d.

—David Curtis, of Ludlow, who aspires to the office of Sheriff, was circulating about town yesterday looking after matters political. Mr. Curtis makes a good impression wherever he goes.

Picard has his billiard tables running in good shape. He has also placed in his room a tobacco and cigar counter and proposes to keep the best articles in that line. The "big Ingun" sign indicates his place.

Frank S. Akin is in town once more after an absence of several months. Frank has had a tough time for a half year past but thinks his health is now improving. His many friends hope to see him soon take his old position on the Pipe Line.

The democratic nominees are already hard at work but we hope no Republican voter will be so foolish as to pledge his support to that ticket. Be patient until your own party selects a ticket and then put in your work.

Robert C. Quiggle, a young man who has been living with John Hafner has left his home without cause and Mr. Hafner warns all persons against trusting him on his account as he will not pay his bills.

Mike O'Conner is now comfortably located in the basement of the Grand Central and has a barber shop which will compare with any in town. He is a good workman and can give his customers a good clean shave.

This is Bradford's big day, and as we go to press the firemen's parade is taking place. The city is full of visitors and a good time is being had. Smethport and all neighboring towns are well represented.

—All who are interested in the formation of a hose company in Smethport, are invited to assemble at the billiard parlors of A. H. Pierce on Saturday evening next at 7:30. Let every one attend and express his opinion.

Monday morning a young man aged eighteen named Charles Yanta, employed in the coal mines at Clermont was killed by the falling of a large rock. His body was terrible bruised and his neck was broken. He was buried at Clermont on Tuesday.

We are sending out bills to all who are owing us, and expect them to be paid. Whenever we order stock, bills invariably accompany the goods, and from this time forward we shall present bills promptly. It is a matter of necessity with us. Pay us that we may pay our legitimate debts.

One of the lucky soldiers of the late war is J. W. Windsor, of Port Allegany, who last week drew back pension amounting to $1260.00. "Wm." thinks the maxim "better late than never" applies to his case, and is not sorry he took up arms in defense of his country.

J. K. Wallace of Bradford has taken advantage of our announcement columns this week and adds his name to the list for District Attorney. Mr. Wallace takes his chances with the other gentlemen who aspire to the same office, and should he be so fortunate as to get the nomination, the people may rest assured they will find in him a good and faithful officer.

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Divine Services.

Rev. C. Dillenbeck, of Port Allegany, will preach in the Opera House next Sabbath morning at 11 o'clock, and at 7.30 p. m. Easy chairs. Free. All are cordially invited.

How is it, Cremin?

The Bradford *Star* stated in a recent issue that Mr. J. Cremin, the Democratic nominee, was a Confederate soldier, and the *Reporter* calls upon that gentleman to explain. As yet we have heard nothing from Cremin upon the subject. How is it, Judge?

Farm For Sale.

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A Port Allegany Trotter.

In speaking of the Buffalo races, the *Spirit of the Times* says: "Kitty Wood, a beautiful roan mare, owned by F. H. Arnold, of Port Allegany, Pa., also made a favorable impression. In the first heat she kept up a 2:20 gait for nearly half a mile, and moved with great ease. She was not in first-rate condition for a hard race, and was too soft for a full mile at top speed, but she will be heard from yet."

Water Works.

Water was let into the main pipe from the dam on Monday at 26 minutes to 10 a. m., and did not make an appearance at this end until 9 minutes of 7 p. m., making the run of two and three-fourths miles in exactly nine hours and seventeen minutes. From the limited amount of water which passed through the pipe it was conjectured that something besides air obstructed the flow, and by dint of tapping and much hard work and speculation it was ascertained that stone and sticks had found a way into the pipe. The locality of the difficulty was about 70 rods east of the head, and by cutting the pipe at that point the obstructions were removed, and Smethport now has as pure and sweet water as the world can produce. The quantity, too, is unlimited.

Killed by Rattlesnakes.

A lady who has been visiting at President, Penn., tells us of one of the most terrible accidents that ever came to our knowledge. There resides near President a widow who had three children. A few days since she with youngest child with her in the house. The other two children were sent by her to hunt some eggs. They were both young, and going out of the house they saw a hollow log in the yard. One of them put in her little hand to see if there were any eggs, but quickly pulled it out, saying a chicken had bitten her. The other inserted his hand, and jerked it out with a scream. A rattlesnake had bitten them both. The scream of the second child brought out the mother, and lifting a bottle of boiling potatoes from the stove, so they would not burn, she started out. She had just got outside the door when she was recalled to the house by the agonizing cries of the baby, who had crawled across the floor and upset the boiling water over himself. She was almost disheartened and did not know what to do. Help soon arrived, and everything that could be done was done for the three little sufferers, but nothing did any good. They all rapidly grew worse, and within a day all three died and were buried in the same grave. The result we did not learn, but we are assured that the above are the facts.—*Oil City Derrick.*

The Rector's Reception.

Last Thursday evening the Rector and Vestry of St. Luke's church tendered a reception to the Bishop and clergy in attendance upon the consecration services. The reception was held in the Opera House, and was largely attended by the members of the church and congregation. The Bishop, Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen occupied the stage, and the audience filled the parquette and dress circle. Shortly after eight o'clock the Bishop, Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen entered the hall from the rear of the stage, and were received with applause. The Bishop was then introduced to the audience by the Rector, and shook hands with all present. Refreshments were served in the dining room of the Opera House, and the reception was a most enjoyable affair.

Sunday Services.

Sunday was a busy day for the Bishop and clergy in attendance upon the consecration services. Early in the morning the Bishop, Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen met at the Rectory and proceeded to the front entrance where the Wardens and Vestrymen were in waiting. Moving up the aisle, the Bishop began the 24th Psalm, each alternate verse being read by the people, and, upon taking his seat, at the right of the Altar, called for the reading of the request for consecration, and the legal instrument of donation. This paper was read by the Senior Warden, Dr. Wm. McCoy. The beginning of the service had reference to the removal of the Ark to its resting place, when the 24th was used, but the after part of the service was based upon the history of the dedication of the Temple by King Solomon. The Bishop standing before the kneeling congregation, then invoked divine blessings upon each and every holy rite performed within the church's walls; the hallowing of human life, at Baptism, confirmation and Eucharist, in prayer and praise and preaching of the word of God. Again, being seated, the Bishop delegated the Rector to read the sentence of consecration, which was signed by the Bishop and sealed with the Episcopal seal, and afterwards laid upon the Altar. The Bishop then gave blessing and thanksgiving, and offered prayers that all who should enjoy the benefits of this pious work, might show forth their thankfulness by making a right use of it to the glory of God. Morning prayer then proceeded, the Rector reading Psalms 84, 122 and 132 with the congregation, instead of the Psalter for the day, and reading special lessons from the Bible: 1 Kings VIII, 21—62, and Heb. X, 19—36. Bishop Stevens preached from the text "He brought me to the banqueting-house, and His banner over me was love" speaking of the banqueting-house, the banquet, the guests, and the banner in such well chosen language as made the whole sermon seem like a sacred poem. The last part of the sermon was congratulatory to the Rector and the congregation and ended with a high tribute to the character and devoted work of the late Bishop Kerfoot. We will give this part of the Bishop's sermon next week. The music on this occasion, under the direction of Dr. H. L. McCoy with the choir so well known for musical talent, was without a flaw from beginning to end, and the anthem after the sermon was particularly excellent and well rendered.

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The Odd Fellows.

The Odd Fellows of McKean county will have a re-union and basket pic-nic in this place to-morrow, the 26th. Past Grand Sire J. B. Nicholson, Grand Master Wright and other Grand officers will be present to institute a lodge here. A lecture on Odd Fellowship will be delivered in the grove by the Grand officers. All lodges and members of the order are cordially invited to participate.

At 10 o'clock a. m., the parade will form on Main street in front of the Masonic Hall, with right resting on Union, and will move along Main to Marvin—countermarch and pass down Main and to Island Park. Following is the order of procession which will be conducted by the Grand Marshal, H. L. Wilson: Members of the processed Smethport Lodge, Duke Centre Lodge, Clermont Lodge, Tuna Valley Lodge, of Bradford, Grand Lodge officers, County and Borough officers and invited guests in carriages. The order of exercises will consist of a prayer at the grounds, addresses by Past Grand Sire Jos. B. Nicholson and Grand Master H. E. Wright. In the evening a Lodge of Odd Fellows will be instituted in this place.

A Comrade's Words.

We clip the following letter, relative to one of our candidates for Sheriff, from the Bradford *Era* of a recent date:

EDITOR ERA—I observe that you announce the name of Joseph Fox, of Turtlepoint Commissioners county boy, as a candidate for Sheriff of McKean county, before the Republican nominating convention to be held Sept. 9th. "Joe" has many warm friends in this and adjoining counties who served with him in the 42d 104th regiment, and remember him as a brave, warm-hearted boy, always ready for his own share of duty, and to take the place of a sick or tired-out comrade. During the three years service of the regiment he was on duty for every march, skirmish and battle, from the first militation at Fort Mitchell, Ky., through to Knoxville, Cumberland Gap and upper East Tennessee, at Rocky Face, Resaca, Burnt Hickory, Pumpkin Tree Creek and other numberless skirmishes and battles of the Atlanta campaign, back with "Pap" Thomas (blessed memory) via Columbia and Franklin to Nashville, the short decisive campaign that followed and to the close of the war, following closely after.

The writer remembers Joe Fox as always cheerful, brave to reckless, a true friend and comrade. If the promise of the boy has been fulfilled in the man I venture to predict that he will have warm fighting friends among the old soldiers of McKean county (and no braver or better soldiers went from any section than the mountaineers of old Pennsylvania). His old comrades here will wait anxiously for the knight of the coming convention. O.

NEW LISBON, O., Aug. 16.

Send it to Smethport.

The following, which recently appeared in an Arkansas paper, might be considered incredible to the majority of readers, but just such a spring as that is the only thing we know of which could bring about the right kind of feeling in many communities. Couldn't our Borough Council make arrangements to have it moved into the borough limits just for a few days? We know it is just what we want:

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Dated at Smethport, June 16, 1881, and the 105th year of the Independence of the United States of America.

S. SARTWELL, Sheriff.

Trial List.

FOR SECOND MONDAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1881.

1 Geo Barber vs F Barber and F P Barber vs George Smithyard No 43 September term 1881. Labor claim.
2 John Bowns vs Bennis, Packard & Co No 72 December term 1879. Labor claim.
3 John Kinsey vs J E Bardley No 66 December term 1880. Labor claim.
4 E H Barnes vs D C Orcutt No 94 December term 1880. Labor claim.
5 J F Davis vs H F Bates No 15 September term 1881. Labor claim.
6 Fred Adams vs A F Hamlin No 42 September term 1881. Labor claim.
7 Geo E Wright & Co vs Jennie Drumgood No 9 December term 1877. Appeal.
8 A C Taylor vs M K Friedman No 605 September term 1878. Appeal.
9 I Williams vs Wm Crocker No 488 February term 1879. Appeal.
10 J W McCleary vs Wm Crocker No 489 February term 1879. Appeal.
11 John Deans vs J H Wilcox No 722 September term 1879. Appeal.
12 William Richardson & Co vs Benj. Coleman No 87 December term 1879. Appeal.
13 W J Rubins vs W H Washburn No 68 February term 1880. Appeal.
14 C L Bradburn vs J W Humphrey No 36 February term 1880. Appeal.
15 B Crybart vs Olean, Bradford and Warren Railroad Company No 66 February term 1880. Appeal.
16 V L Wright vs M J Pemberton No 604 February term 1880. Appeal.
17 made Lime Old Co vs A F Hamlet No 88 [illegible] term 1880. Appeal.
18 Bolton Bros vs McCutcheon & Co No 46 May term 1880. Appeal.
19 A H Eberhart use of Mullen and McClure vs A T Newell No 8 September term 1880. Appeal.
20 W J Steele vs Joseph Morgan No 40 September term 1880. Appeal.
21 W B Weaver vs James Horrigan No 68 September term 1880. Appeal.
22 Anson Westward vs John Alabaster No 69 September term 1880. Appeal.
23 John Parker vs C S Whitney No 400 September term 1880. Appeal.
24 O P Pratt vs W H Abbott, D D Proper and Dr Proper No 71 December term 1880. Appeal.
25 Guthrie & Byles vs T P Hayes No 87 December term 1880. Appeal.
26 A M Collins vs John C Shanahard No 98 December term 1880. Appeal.
27 Rich, Terrill & Hunt vs W A Prentice, Robt Gregg and A K Marr doing business as Prentice & Company No 138 December term 1880. Appeal.
28 H S Marks vs J S Mandeville No 200 December term 1880. Appeal.
29 Kerns Hanlon vs W M Taylor No 10 February term 1881. Appeal.
30 D J Hartwell vs J Sweeney No 95 May term 1881. Appeal.

List of Traverse Jurors

Drawn in Court of Common Pleas of McKean County, to be summoned for second Monday of September, A. D. 1881.

Anderson, A Lafayette township.
Anderson, John W Sergeant township.
Abbey, G P Keating township.
Arkley, Philo Kendall borough.
Baker, B B Otto township.
Brownell, F W Smethport borough.
Bullock, C W Norwich township.
Binkeslee, E J Bradford township.
Brown, David, Lafayette township.
Brennan, C H Bradford city.
Beckwith, T Bradford township.
Barrett, George Keating township.
Hanson, A F Kendall borough.
Comstock, John Foster township.
Day, T B Liberty township.
Driscoll, Patrick, Annin township.
Kantner, John Deru township.
Field, Joseph Hamlin township.
Fairbanks, Rufus, Bradford township.
Gillett, A M Annin township.
Harley, Daniel, Lafayette township.
Hagleton, Wm Bradford township.
Irons Herbert Liberty township.
Irons, George Keating township.
Johnson, L M Wetmore township.
Lynch, Patrick Lafayette township.
McCullough, K Otto township.
Kelting, M B Kendall borough.
Rewles, Frank Bradford township.
Silver, James Annin township.
Ormsby, Frank Keating township.
Simar, F D Liberty township.
Specht, William, Smethport borough.
Seward, Levi Kendall borough.
Taylor, K M Duke Centre borough.
White, A C Norwich township.

H. SARTWELL, Sheriff.
O. P. CASE, } Jury Com'rs.
R. C. CALLAR, }

Attest:
JOHN B. SHERMAKER, Clerk.

Orphans' Court Sale.

MCKEAN COUNTY, ss:

At an Orphans' Court held at Smethport in and for the county aforesaid, on the 15th day of August, A. D. 1881 before the Honorable Monty W. Williams and his Associate Justices of said Court:

On petition of C. H. Foster, Administrator of the estate of J. D. Medlens, late of Bradford township in said county, deceased, setting forth that the said J. D. Medlens died intestate, seized in his demesne as of fee, of the following real estate, to wit:

All that certain piece or parcel of land bounded and described as follows: Commencing at a post on the north side of the main road and on the west side of the dirt road, leading to the gulfs of Pennsylvania and N. Y. Railroad, at said post; thence north [illegible] rods to a post; thence south nine degrees, west [illegible] rods to a post on the road; thence by the road north fifty-one and one-half degrees east [illegible] rods to the place of beginning, containing a one-tenth acre, being part of lot 187 on lot [illegible] in Kendall Borough, McKean county, Pa.'s.

Also—The undivided one-half of the [illegible] Grist Mill lot, beginning at a post and [illegible] at the corner of the [illegible] on the [illegible] on the north side of the [illegible] road, said mill and dwelling [illegible] thence [illegible] eleven (11) rods, south [illegible] to a post and stones; thence north [illegible] ninety (90) rods more or less to the centre of the Tunungwant creek; thence [illegible] to the line of said creek [illegible] to the place of beginning, containing three-quarters [illegible] more or less, being part of lot No. [illegible] as surveyed by [illegible] and [illegible] by E. W. Fisher and sold by him on the [illegible] day of July, A. D. 1881.

And that there are [illegible] unpaid certain debts of the said J. D. Medlens, dated [illegible] Court, therefore, order and decree that the said C. H. Foster, Administrator, expose the said premises to public sale and cry the same for the best price that can be had therefor, giving due publicity thereto by [illegible] notices of sale and make report of his proceedings hereon, at the next ensuing Orphans' Court. In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at Smethport, this 23d day of August, 1881.

JOHN B. BRAWLEY, C. O. C.

Per JOS. B. CHADWICK, Deputy.

By virtue of the above order, I will sell the said property on September 26th, 1881, at one o'clock p. m., on the aforesaid property.

C. H. FOSTER, Administrator. 35-4t

Notice.

HARLAN J. SWIFT vs. M. C. RUBLIN. } In the Court of Common Pleas of McKean County, Penn. No. [illegible] Term, 1881. Ca. Sa.

SIR:—You are hereby notified that on the 8th day of May, 1881, a Writ was granted on you by the Court of Common Pleas of McKean county, in favor of Harlan J. Swift, plaintiff, against you, defendant, in the amount of [illegible] dollars, returnable to the [illegible] Term of Court, and that by virtue of the same I have attached all the [illegible] of your estate, in the said County of McKean, consisting of [illegible] and all the right, title and interest of, in and to [illegible] and that unless you shall appear and plead to the said writ within thirty days from the publication hereof, or show cause why the same cannot be brought, which rule is returnable to the next [illegible] of the Fourth Monday of September, A. D. 1881.

Attest: JOHN B. BRAWLEY, Prothonotary.
Per JOS. B. CHADWICK, Deputy.
Seal of Court of Common Pleas of McKean County, Pa. 35-6t

Keep cool, if you can, and do not get excited, while you read the advertisement of Warley Gifford, Smethport,, but read carefully and then come and see for yourself that I mean to sell goods cheap for cash.

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NEWSPAPER WRITING.

THE PECULIAR NOTIONS MANY PEOPLE HAVE ABOUT EDITING A NEWSPAPER—AN AMUSING AND UNIVERSAL WEAKNESS.

The majority of people imagine that it is the simplest thing in the world to edit a newspaper. A man may have grave doubts about his talent for public speaking; may freely admit that he cannot turn a tune or recognise one when turned by anybody else; may confess that he is no poet, not much of a scholar and nothing of an artist; but there is no creature so poor-spirited as to avow his incapacity to edit a newspaper. On the contrary, this is a work to which every man has a manifest call. No matter what his actual business may be—preacher, lawyer, physician, butcher, baker or candlestick maker—he has a secret fancy that if he only had a chance he could make a newspaper a little bit spicier and livelier than anything in the shape of a public journal that has ever come in his way. This is one of the most amusing and universal weaknesses of modern times. The number of people who are infected by it is known only to publishers, just as the extent to which opium eating is practiced is known only to druggists and physicians. The drawers and waste-baskets of every leading newspaper office in the country overflow with evidence of the ambition and harmless vanity of the vast public who scribble by stealth, and patiently toil over reams of composition which nobody can be induced to print.

It must be admitted that there is something enticing and enviable in editorial life, as it appears to the outside world. The delight of getting into print for the first time is one of the keenest enjoyments. What, therefore, both men and women reason to themselves, must be the pleasure of that happy man who daily feasts the public with his wisdom, and whose smallest scribbling finds its way into type without criticism or delay! But this reasoning is altogether unsound. The editor does not look at things exactly in the same morale light. The bright colors seen by other eyes have become to his a little enworded. The freshness, the exquisite charm of seeing his reflections in print has long since vanished. He writes sometimes painfully and under pressure, often harrassed by a thousand petty vexations, and not unfrequently with aching head and weary hand. His work is of all work, the most wearying, the most exhaustive both to body and brain. The call for copy is inexorable and cannot be refused. He must write; he must also endure the most contemptible and continued criticisms, but bear patiently "to be esteemed dull when he cannot be witty, and to be applauded for wit when he knows he has been dull." Every blockhead who buys his paper feels that he has purchased a right to dictate the manner in which it shall be conducted, to criticise sharply everything that appears in it, and to elevate its tone, with his carping lucubrations, fairly written out and enclosed in a note for immediate publication, signed "A Subscriber," "An Old Patron," or "An Earnest Well Wisher." If you were to ask this modest friend to cut a coat, or measure you for a pair of boots, he would indignantly reply that that was not his trade; that he knew nothing about it and would not attempt it. But the diffidence which shrinks from the shears and coyly draws back from the awl and the lapstone, boldly grasps the pen and undertakes to so illuminate and instruct the world. Breeches and shoes require art, experience, reflection in making; political essays flow spontaneous from the most addled pate, or can be pumped out of it by sheer hard labor, without the vulgar appliances of study, thought and knowledge. Such is life!

Maud S. not only "beats them all" but beats herself, every few days. A short time ago she made a mile in Pittsburgh in 2.10¼, which was tremendous speed, the fastest on record. But on Thursday last, in Rochester, she beat her Pittsburgh record just a quarter of a second, trotting a mile in 2.10¼. A dispatch from there says: "The day was perfect, and not the slightest breeze was blowing. At 3.35 o'clock the magnificent mare jogged past the grand stand. Every eye was on her, and there was great enthusiasm. Nearing the grand stand, Bair nodded and the word was returned. The first quarter was reached in 39½, the half in 1.08¾, the three-quarter pole in 1.37½. There was no sign of a break from the stretch she took, and the splendid form passed under the wire in 2.10¼. Cheer upon cheer went up from the regulation stand and the Vanderbilt party chested and waived their hats. An instant later the official time was hung out by the judges and the applause of the multitude greeted it.

"After man came woman," and she has been after him ever since.

Still waters run deep but not in the modern hollow-bottomed bottles in which still waters are sold.

A new song is entitled "Between the Green Corn and the Gold." It should be sung by a leaky voice.

Everybody knows that Providence helps those who help themselves, yet what faith many people have in a horse that they are expected to push ahead.

Prof. Bell claims that he has succeeded in inventing a machine that will "locate a bullet in the human body." He needn't think that's any thing new. Almost every man in Denver totes such an instrument.

Pennsylvania atrocities are peculiar. Where is there another State in which a one-legged man would be found murdered and tied to a tree? The genius of Mrs. Fry's first foster husband fled a thousand miles longer in Georgia.

Traveler—"How do you brokers manage to withstand the railroad competition?" Stockjobber—"Vell you see ve don't got no spare engines. Dose railroads have got half to keep up the rolling stock an' pay on hands. We don't. It's all clear profit mit us!"

Reform is beginning to show its head. Chicago offers one policeman for attention to the twenty of thirty murders a week that occur in that vicinity. As a matter of course this gives an entirely new hope to the politics of the leading party.

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Borough Ordinance.

BE it ordained and enacted by the Burgess and Town Council of the Borough of Smethport, McKean county, Pennsylvania, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same: That from and after the passage of this ordinance it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to ride any horse or horses, or drive any team or teams, faster than a speed sufficient to keep pace with a moderate trot, on any street or alley in the Borough of Smethport, or to permit any horse or horses, or team or teams, belonging to him or them, or under his or their control, to run at such speed